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SUBJ: REFUSAL OF POLISH BORDER AUTHORITIES TO ADMIT AMERICAN
BUSINESSMEN WITHOUT PRIOR ISSUANCE OF VISAS

1. ON MAY 18, DANILE A. GARTIN AND CHARLES A BOVA,
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE D.A.
AGIN COMPANY, LTD, 437 RARITAN CENTER, EDISON, NEW
HERSEY 08817, ARRIVED IN WARSAW FROM BUDAPEST WITHOUT
POLISH ENTRY VISAS. THEY
TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER
THAT THEY HAD COME TO POLAND WITHOUT
VISAS ON THE ADVICE OF A TRAVEL AGENCY, CAMPBELL TRAVEL
AGENCY OF FORDS, NEW HERSEY. THE TRAVEL AGENCY SAID THAT
AIRPORT VISAS COULD BE
OBTAINED, APPARENTLY AS IS THE CASE AT HUNGARIAN PORTS OF
ENTRY.

2. MESSRS. GARTIN AND BOVA WERE TRAVELING TO POLAND
TO BUY METALS. THEIR FIRM DEALS IN METALS,
MILL PRODUCTS, AND GENERAL METAL FABRICATIONS.

3. THE AMERICANS APPLIED FOR AIRPORT VISAS. THE EMBASSY
OFFICER ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE THE POLISH BORDER OFFICIALS
TO ISSUE VISAS TO THEM. THEY PRODUCED BUSINESS CARDS
AND A TELEX MESSAGE, NAMING THE POLISH BUSINESSMAN
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WITH WHOM THEY HAD AN APPOINTMENT ON MAY 19.
THE POLISH OFFICIALS REFUSED TO ISSUE VISAS
AND DEPORTED THE AMERICANS BACK TO HUNGARY.

4. FOR BUDAPEST: IF POSSIBLE PLEASE ASCERTAIN IF MESSRS. GARTIN
AND BOVA RETURNED TO BUDAPEST, AND IF SO, WHETHER THEY
WERE ABLE TO ENTER WITHOUT HUNGARIAN VISAS.

5. FOR DEPARTMENT: THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT AMERICANS HAVE ARRIVED IN WARSAW WITHOUT VISAS ON THE ASSUMPTION THEY COULD OBTAIN THEM AT THE AIR-PORT. TRANSIT STOPS IN WARSAW AIRPORT FOR PERSONS WITHOUT VISAS WHO WISH TO CONNECT WITH ONTER ONWARD INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS, E.G., TO LENINGRAD OR MOSCOW ARE OFTEN PERMITTED BY THE POLES. THIS NOT THE CASE FOR PERSONS SEEKING TO ENTER POLAND FOR A VISIT. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATE WITH CAMPBELL TRAVEL AGENCY AND INFORM THE COMPANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF POLISH LAW.

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